Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Trauma Assessment for DMH Facilities/Vendors

This form is a guide to gathering information with clients about a possible trauma history. It is recommended for use as part of the intake assessment for all DMH clients in all settings (inpatient, outpatient, emergency/crisis, day treatment, etc.). It should be used in conjunction with the De-escalation Form. After clinical review, information obtained should be incorporated into the client's treatment plan.

1. Do you have a history of physical abuse (e.g., hit, punched, slapped, kicked, strangled, burned, threatened with object or weapon, etc.)? Yes No Don't Know
If yes, in childhood? adolescence? adulthood? at present?
By whom? stranger acquaintance partner/spouse parents
other family member ritual abuse
2. Do you have a history of sexual abuse (e.g., unwanted kissing, hugging, touching, nudity, attempted or completed intercourse)? Yes No Don't Know
If yes, in childhood? adolescence? adulthood? at present?
By whom? stranger acquaintance partner/spouse parents
other family member
3. Have you ever been raped? Yes No Don't Know
If yes, in childhood? adolescence? adulthood? recently?
By whom? stranger acquaintance partner/spouse parents
other family member ritual abuse
4. Have you experienced an acute trauma such as a natural disaster, severe accident or threat to life, witnessing a death or violence to someone else, or been a victim of a crime? Yes No Don't Know If yes, at what age and circumstances?
5. If yes to any of the above, are you experiencing flashbacks, nightmares, insomnia, numbness, confusion, memory loss, self injury, extreme fearfulness or terror, etc., related to the trauma? Yes No If yes describe

Please incorporate the information obtained in the trauma assessment into the treatment plan for this client.